



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

August 29, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD
THE BLACK VAULT

FOIPA Request No.: 1265094-000
Subject: CORTRIGHT, EDGAR MAURICE

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

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12 pages were reviewed and 10 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government agency(ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with OGA(s). The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

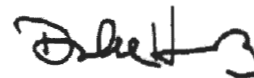
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request submitted to the Records Management Division in Winchester, Virginia.

Enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 200-HQ-7377 and FBI Los Angeles file 200-LA-1421 which represent the final release of information related to this request.

A search of the FBI Headquarters electronic surveillance indices has been conducted, and no responsive record which indicates that Edgar Maurice Cortright has ever been the target of electronic surveillance was located.

Records which may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, were destroyed on January 28, 1978. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. The retention and disposal of records are governed by statute and regulation under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

The enclosed material is being provided at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (105-7952 Sub B)
 SUBJECT: EDGAR MAURICE CORTRIGHT
 (OO:LA)

Captioned subject, who has access to classified information, has reported to his employer, a defense contractor, that he was in contact with [redacted]

[redacted] in which your office is office of origin (OO). [redacted] limited to a check of your indices and FBIHQ indices and contact with appropriate security officer or other official of the employing firm for additional details of the incident. Thereafter, the subject, if deemed advisable, is to be interviewed upon receipt of the results of FBIHQ indices check. (U)

At the outset of the interview, the subject is [redacted]

The subject should be advised, if appropriate, that by virtue of his access to classified information he could be a target of a hostile intelligence service. (U)

The subject's "contact report" as filed with Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO), Columbus, Ohio, is as follows:

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 8262
 REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 (2 & 3)
 DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION MARCH 21, 2000

3-Bureau
 (1-105-317647 Sub B)
 2-Los Angeles
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, LOS ANGELES (200-1421) (C) (8)

RE: EDGAR MAURICE CORTRIGHT

OO: Los Angeles

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(U) [redacted] into this matter initiated
3/26/80; will expire 7/26/80. (S)Re Cincinnati airtel to the Director, dated
3/21/80, captioned as above. (U)Captioned subject reported to his employer that
he had been in contact with [redacted](U) [redacted] who attended a conference at
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, on
11/30/79. Subject is President of California Lockheed
Corporation and holds a Top Secret clearance. He has had
access to Secret information during the past two years.
(S)(U) For information of FBIHQ, coverage of the visit
of the PRC Economic Commission to Lockheed California
Corporation, Burbank, California, 11/30/79, was handled
under the same caption, (Los Angeles file 200-1202), and
was covered by established sources. (S)(3) - Bureau (1 - Unit CI-3C (ISU))
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4/21/000Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the fact that CORTRIGHT is President of Lockheed California Corporation, yet is subject to Lockheed's thorough briefing and debriefing policy and Los Angeles has other sources in a position to provide information to the FBI regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a decision was made not to interview CORTRIGHT at this time. Los Angeles is in the process of establishing contact with individuals within Lockheed California Corporation who have direct contact with PRC visitors [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CORTRIGHT. In view of the above, no additional investigation is being conducted under this caption. (C)

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Subject, employed by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, 2555 North Hollywood Way, Burbank, California, 91520, attended a commercial orientation of Chinese State Economic Commission on 11/30/79. DISCO records reflect Cortright, SSAN 200-18-1054, DFOB 12/29/23, Hastings, Pennsylvania, holds a "Top Secret" clearance and has had access to ~~secret~~ information during the past two years as president of CALAC Corporation. (U) (C)

(U) The receiving office is to conduct this investigation in accordance with existing instructions. No necessity exists for Cincinnati to be furnished the results of your inquiry. (C)

FBIHQ is requested to check its indices concerning the subject and provide results to the OO. (U)

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RE:

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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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